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Autumn Term 2018

We have enjoyed a couple of very busy and exciting weeks since our last newsletter, with all of our children (and staff) settling back well. Our new Reception children appear to be enjoying their time and experiences at Blakehill and staff are very proud of how well they have adjusted to the recent changes and new routines.



Extra -Curricular Clubs



We have had a fabulous response to our before and after school clubs with over 150 children across all year groups choosing to take part in one of 17 clubs offered this term. A list of all clubs available can be found on our school website. Unless a child is representing the school (eg school choir/sporting tournament) there is a charge of £3.00 per session per club.

Please contact the school office to enquire about available club

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Thank you to all of the children, parents, grandparents and friends of Blakehill who donated cakes/buns or who attended our Coffee Morning in support of Macmillan Cancer Trust this morning

With your support, we managed to hold this successful fund raising event for the 3rd year running.

A special mention to parent Niki Williams, Mrs. Pedley and Mrs Wardell who organised and co-ordinated the event and to all parents and staff members who helped in the preparation and smooth running of the morning's activities. We had some incredible gifts donated for the raffle and were inundated with confectionary. We even had enough buns/cakes left to ensure ALL pupils were able to have something...much to their delight!

Thank you!



Upcoming events/ diary dates this half term

Individual pupil photographs:
Friday 5 October

Nell Bank Parent Meeting for
children in year 4: **Monday
15 October at 6:00pm**

Year 1 Industrial Museum
visit: **Tuesday 2 October**

Year 2 visit to Saltaire:
Tuesday 9 October

Year 4 visit to Magna:
Wednesday 10 October

School Sponsored Obstacle
Course: **Monday 8 October**

Year 6 Blackpool Trip: **Friday
12 October**

School Closes: **Thursday 18
October. This will be a non-
uniform day**

Whole school aerial photo
Thursday 4 October
Please remember your
yellow/gold/white t-shirt!

Attendance and Punctuality

Please let staff in the
school office know
before 9.00am if your
child is unable to attend
school. For safeguarding
purposes, our Learning
Mentor, Mrs Corbridge
will contact parents if we
have not received
notification after
registration closes



Welcome Back Year 5

This week Year 5 pupils have been on their 5 day residential visit to Ingleborough Hall in the Yorkshire Dales. The children had a fabulous time caving, gorge scrambling, hiking, tree climbing, folk dancing and much more!

Many thanks to staff: Mrs Hall, Mr Rhodes, Mrs Javed, Mrs Horrocks, Mrs Cavalier-Lumley, Mrs Hudson, Mrs Ross, Mr Patterson and our Chair of Governors, Mr Cavalier Lumley for giving up their time and for organising the week's events. Their commitment and enthusiasm is very much appreciated.

The children all behaved really well and had a fun filled week of activities. We expect them to be exhausted tonight! Please check our school Twitter and the school blog for photographs of the children.

Parent/Teacher Consultation Evenings

Tuesday 13 November 3.45 p.m. -7.00 p.m.

Thursday 15 November 3.45 p.m. -7.00 p.m.

It is that time of year again where parents are given the opportunity to come in to school to meet and speak with their child's class teacher at our Parent/Teacher Consultation Evenings.

Ten minute slots are available for parents to discuss their child's progress, attainment, effort and behaviour. Parents will also have the chance to look at their child's work in books and at the work on display around school.

Appointments can be made via your online eschools account from Monday 29th October. Please contact the school office should you require help with this.

BeCycling

Children in KS1 have been practicing their balance, co-ordination and cycling skills this week thanks to the Bike Friendly Schools Project. The scheme provides qualified instructors, bikes and helmets who deliver sessions to the children.

Pupils in all classes across school will have the opportunity to participate in the bikeability sessions over the next few weeks. Thank you to Mrs Russell, our PE Lead for organising the sessions.



Sponsored Obstacle Course

A reminder that our sponsored course will occur on **Monday 8th October**. Children should bring 'suitable clothing' for the event and hopefully the weather will remain fine for it to go ahead on the school field. Parents are also very welcome to watch or even better join in and tackle our obstacle course with their child.

The timetable for the event is as follows:

9.45am: Reception classes, **10.15am:** Year 4 classes,
10.45am: Year 3 classes, **11.30am:** Year 5 classes,
1.30pm: Year 6 classes, **2.30pm:** Year 1 classes.

Robinwood – Year 6 Residential

In July 2019, our Year 6 pupils visit RobinWood Activity Centre in Todmorden for their 3-day residential.

The centre require a full payment from school to secure dates and places in advance.

Prices are based on high season mid-week provision, which enables pupils full access to all of the activities provided at the centre

We understand that some parents may have difficulty meeting payment deadlines. These deadlines are there for guidance purposes only and parents should note that instalments can be made for as much or as little and as frequently as you wish, to make payment easier.

The ParentPay facility will help you do this.

The deadline for the whole amount is Friday 3rd May


PLEASE NOTE:

A deposit of £20 will secure your child a place. This should be paid by Friday 28th September. If you have any difficulty with this and would like your child to go to Robinwood, please contact the school office.

Bradford Food Bank

This year, as in previous years, Blakehill will be supporting the Bradford Metropolitan Food Bank, a local, volunteer organisation which works tirelessly to provide food supplies for impoverished families within our community. A special assembly was held today which highlighted the plight of some of these families/individuals.

A letter from Mrs Pinder, who co-ordinates this appeal will follow shortly to advise you on how you can help to support the appeal if you wish to do so.



Well done to Charlie Walker (2P) and Molly Rhodes(6G) Who won our 100% attendance award on Monday 17th and 24th September

A special thank you to parent, Mr Hepton who donated bluebell and tulip bulbs for our school garden. These will be planted by the children next week.



Phonic Workshop

Thank you to all parents in reception class who attended the phonic workshop this week. We hope you found this useful.

Well done to the following children who received celebration certificates in assembly on Monday 17th and 24th September



1W : Isla Johnson, Elsa Ward
 1G: Thomas Vanderstock and Aavan Bhandal
 2S: Kai Burgan and Ella Horn
 2P: Carter Briggs and Josephine Dewhirst
 3R: Harrison Keep and Amy Hunter
 3Ro: Patrick Williams and Louis Greaves
 4P: Lewis Ward and Oliver Noble
 4H: Kayden Lee and Jayden Horn
 5R: Jacob Holmes
 5J: Lucy Kelmsley
 6R: Callum Elwood and Ethan Blackwell
 6G: Jing Chen and Honey Barclay

Class Assemblies – Autumn Term 2018

Class assemblies are on a Friday afternoon at 2:45pm. Parents are welcome to attend their child's class assembly. The dates of all class assemblies for Autumn term are:

5 October : 5R

12 October: 5J

2 November: 2S

9 November: 2P

23 November: 4P

30 November: 4H

Please note: For child protection and safeguarding reasons we request that photos and videos should be used for personal use only and not shared on social media. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Finally, below are images of the year 3 and year 4 cloakroom area. As you can see, the design of this cloakroom is not ideal and 120 pupils are expected to hang their coats and bags in this limited space. At the moment, this is posing a bit of a problem, mainly due to the large rucksacks the children are bringing into school and trying to put on their pegs.

We are currently looking into an option of open door lockers/pigeon holes to help reduce this. Could we recommend that children bring PE Kits in pump bags/ carrier bag rather than the oversized bags they are bringing into school which would help ease the problem. We will be encouraging children to bring smaller bags from October half term. Thank you.

